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SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RECORD ENROLLMENT

This fall, 5211 students are enrolled at Shelton State Community College, according to Shelton State President Tom Umphrey.

"From 1985 to 1988, Shelton State experienced a slow but steady growth," Umphrey said. "However, the number of students enrolled increased greatly by Fall 1989, and our head count this year again sets a new high for the college."

This Fall Shelton State Community College has for the 15th consecutive quarter surpassed its enrollment over the same quarter of the prior year.

College enrollment figures show that in the fall of 1985 3,215 students were enrolled at Shelton State. By the fall of 1988, that figured increased to 3,964 students. Last year's head count increased to almost 5,000 students and this year's figure is even higher.

According to Umphrey, the increase in credit hour production by the college this year is even more significant.

"At this point this fall, Shelton State has already generated 52,247 credit hours, an increase over last year's figure of 51,658. Credit hour production is used in measuring the number of courses taken," Umphrey said.

Shelton State has already generated 3500 FTE (Full Time Equivalency) this fall," Umphrey said. "The money each school receives from the state is based on FTE. This is why this area of growth is so important."

As one of Alabama's largest two-year institutions, Shelton State has a \$16 million budget for 1990-91 and employs over 300 full time employees.

Umphrey emphasized that the large enrollment increase this year could actually be seen as a problem for the college.

"When you increase enrollment, you must also increase services. Increased services mean additional expense. This year's enrollment has increased but the dollars we have received from the state have decreased. We have a 15% increase in enrollment this year but less money to operate with than last year," Umphrey said.

Shelton's enrollment could potentially double over the next ten years, according to Umphrey.

"We have the potential to reach 10,000 West Alabamians," Umphrey said. "However, to do so we must have additional space. In order to ensure future growth, we need approximately 200 acres of land. As I've said before, we are currently looking for property. Once we have the land we will begin an all out effort to secure the funding necessary to build a comprehensive college.

This year the college is also teaching classes in several locations outside Tuscaloosa County. This fall classes are offered in Centreville, Greensboro, Eutaw and Boligee. The college has offered classes in Centreville for several years. Classes taught this fall in Centreville include economics, history, real estate, and physical education.

SHELTON TO SPONSOR READERS THEATRE PRODUCTION

"Readings from the Works of Robert Frost," a variety of poems taken from the author's works, will be presented by Shelton State Community College's Readers Theatre on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room on the college's Skyland Boulevard campus.

According to Linda Grote, instructor of speech for the college, the script for the performance was put together as a joint project by students in her oral interpretation class. "At the beginning of the Fall quarter the class began to read from the works of Robert Frost. As the class progressed, the students selected their own poems to read," Grote said.

"One of the interesting things about this class is the composition of our students. Twelve students are in this class and will read during the Readers Theatre production. Of the 12, six are members of Shelton's Senior Studies program." The other six students, according to Grote, are traditional-aged college students.

Senior Studies students in the program are Kathryn Clark, Louise Faircloth, Mabel Harries, Elizabeth McNair, Jananne Wilson, and Florence Zittrer.

"These senior students bring to the poetry their own life experiences. Their dedication to learning is amazing and a real inspiration to all of us," Grote said.

Other class members participating in the Readers Theatre production are Barry Bailey, Chris Daffin, Shannon Fields, Steven Kirkpatrick, Lisa Simmons, and John Whisenhunt.

There is no cost to the Readers Theatre production of Frost's works. For additional information on the production or the program, contact Grote, 391-2262.

RECRUITER HERE OCTOBER 29TH

Lynn Gurganus, recruiter from Montevallo, will be here Monday, October 29th, to talk with any interested student who might want to transfer to the University of Montevallo.

NEW SSANS OFFICERS ELECTED

The Shelton State Association of Nursing Students (SSANS) held elections for 1990-91 on October 10, 1990. The new officers are: President, Shelia Barrett; Vice-President, Ruthie Heard; Secretary, Susan Kinard; Treasurer, Robin Waid; Chaplain, Cheryl Thomas; Historian, Diane Morris; Reporter, Wanda Taylor, and ADN Curriculum Representative, Pam Brown.

PLATO TO BE DEMONSTRATED

On November 2nd, Ms. Linda Vinsanau will be at the college to demonstrate the capabilities of Plato. Plato is a computer-based instruction system with curriculum in developmental studies and in advanced studies in selected areas such as mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

Ms. Vinsanau will be on the Skyland Campus at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium. If you are interested and would like to participate in this demonstration, please notify Ms. Betty Walker, ext. 2204, by October 31st.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY- OCT. 29, 1990- MONDAY CONCERT SERIES, VOICE RECITAL BY KATHY SIMMONS - MUSIC ROOM- SKYLAND CAMPUS

TUESDAY- OCT. 30, 1990- ASSET TESTING-SKYLAND CAMPUS AUDITORIUM-10:30 A.M. TUESDAY- OCT. 30, 1990- READER'S THEATRE "READINGS FROM THE WORKS OF ROBERT FROST." SKYLAND CAMPUS - MUSIC ROOM.

THURSDAY- NOV. 1, 1990- ART EXHIBIT- PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHIP COOPER- LIBRARY- SKYLAND CAMPUS- 8-9:00 P.M.- MON-THURSDAY- 8-4:00 P.M. FRIDAY.

THURSDAY- NOV. 1, 1990- PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING- 2:30- FIRE COLLEGE THURSDAY- NOV. 1, 1990- ASSET TESTING- 5:30 P.M AUDITORIUM- SKYLAND CAMPUS FRIDAY-NOV. 2, 1990- AUDITORIUM-PLATO COMPUTER BASE INSTRUCTION SYSTEM-SKYLAND CAMPUS.

FRIDAY-NOV. 2, 1990- DIVISION CHAIR MEETING OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION DIVISION-PORTABLE CLASSROOM # 1 - SKYLAND CAMPUS

FRIDAY AND SAT- NOV. 2-3- LADY BUCKS VOLLEYBALL AJCC STATE TOURNAMENT AT PHI CAMPBELL TBA